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The Honorable Jim Weiers  
Speaker of the House  
Arizona House of Representatives  
1700 West Washington  
Phoenix, Arizona 85007

Re: House Bill 2470; Board of Behavior Analysts

Dear Speaker Weiers:

Today I vetoed House Bill 2470, which proposed to create a new state board to license and regulate behavior analysts.

It has been one of my stated goals to find responsible ways to make our many state boards and commissions less costly to operate and more efficient. Thus, I take special notice of requests to create new boards and commissions. The proposed five person Board of Behavior Analysts would be charged with licensing and regulating approximately 32 applicants. The cost of operating the Board would exceed any rational fees collected from the pool of licensees and leave the Board with such limited resources that it may not be feasible to fulfill its regulatory duties.

I suggest that instead of lobbying for a new state regulatory board, the individuals pursuing the creation of this licensed status consider seeking licensure and regulation by the existing Board of Behavioral Health Examiners or the Board of Psychologist Examiners, both of which have the infrastructure and formal educational experience to monitor and regulate behavior analysts.

For these and other reasons, I have vetoed House Bill 2470.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Janet Napolitano", followed by a horizontal line.

Janet Napolitano  
Governor

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cc: The Honorable Timothy S. Bee  
The Honorable David Bradley